

SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS
OF RED CROSS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's outstanding service organizations, the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross has been at the forefront of disaster preparedness and response for more than a century. Since its formation in 1881, the foundation has established itself as one of the most effective and recognizable disaster relief organizations in the world. In President Franklin D. Roosevelt's first Presidential Declaration in 1943, he requested that "people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross" each March. We have an opportunity this month to continue this tradition, and recognize the essential role the Red Cross plays in our communities.

Over 600,000 Red Cross volunteers provide shelter, food, health, and mental health services for more than 70,000 natural and man-made disasters every year. Additionally, the Red Cross provides blood to disaster victims, helps those affected to access other available resources, and assists concerned family members outside the disaster area.

Whether it is a hurricane or a single-family home fire, the American Red Cross is there. During the past year, the local Red Cross Chapter helped 500 Nassau County residents who were displaced by floods or fires. The timely response to these small-scale, but devastating disasters is one of the Red Cross' most invaluable humanitarian services.

Large-scale disasters also demonstrate the Red Cross' successes. Since the January 12th earthquake in Haiti, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.9 million people in that country, and will continue to aid hundreds more in the months ahead. In addition to the ongoing, large-scale response to Haiti, the Red Cross plans to assist 15,000 families affected by the recent earthquake in Chile with shelter, emergency medical care, and water and sanitation services.

The employees of the Red Cross, the tireless and dedicated work of volunteers, and the thousands of citizens who donate to support these relief efforts epitomize the altruism and community spirit of the American people. I join with my colleagues to recognize the Red Cross, and once again thank the organization's staff and volunteers for all of their continued assistance to American communities.

HONORING DICK PURTAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of WOMC-FM radio host Mr. Dick Purtan after 45 years on the air in Detroit.

During his 45-year career, Mr. Purtan has become a well recognized radio personality

nationwide. From his work at WOMC-FM, Mr. Purtan has been inducted into the Michigan Broadcasters Hall of Fame, National Radio Hall of Fame and won the Marconi award for being the Nation's top radio personality.

Mr. Purtan is also known for his dedication to philanthropic works benefitting the Metro Detroit area. In September 2009, he and his wife Gail were named "Goodfellows of the Year" by the Detroit Goodfellows Organization. Since 1988, Mr. Purtan has raised \$22 million for those in need through an annual Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program. Also, Mr. Purtan supports Children's Hospital as well as the Karmanos Cancer Center through the Gail Purtan Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Dick Purtan will be remembered for his award winning personality and as a philanthropist and friend to Metro Detroit. As we celebrate his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many achievements and honoring the contributions he made to society.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today, joined by my colleagues Representative FRANK WOLF and Representative JAMES MORAN, to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

The Valor Awards recognize remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety agencies and their commitment to the community. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line everyday to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. Nearly 80 individuals are receiving awards at the 2010 ceremony in a variety of categories: The Life-saving Award, the Certificate of Valor, or the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Five members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that we submit their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Recipient of the 2010 Certificate of Valor is: Second Lieutenant William A. Cooper

Recipient of the 2010 Silver Medal of Valor is: Sergeant Shannon T. Willey

Recipients of the 2010 Bronze Medal of Valor are: Second Lieutenant Charles E. Formeck, Private First Class Frederick H. Cameron and Private First Class Jesse Hernandez.

Madam Speaker, we would like to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. We ask our colleagues to join us in commending this group of remarkable citizens.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
HOCKEY TEAM**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 19, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Hockey team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On March 13, 2010 the Catholic Central Shamrocks routed Howell 6-1. In a repeat of last year's matchup the Royal Blue and White again hoisted the championship trophy and capped off a nearly perfect 27-1-1 season.

This victory marked the 14th state hockey title for Catholic Central and a record 5th Division 1 state title for the 2009-2010 athletic season. This victory came right after the cross country, football, wrestling and bowling teams all won championships. This is a remarkable achievement for these exemplary young men. The hard work and dedication of all members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge, the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Following a successful regular season campaign with only a single 1-0 loss, Catholic Central embarked on a determined postseason run, outscoring their opponents 31-3. After beating Northville 5-1 in their first pre-regional game, the Shamrocks decimated Brighton 8-0 in the second pre-regional round. In the Region 7 Final, they defeated Livonia Stevenson 2-0.

Head Coach Todd Johnson's players crashed the net in their quarterfinal match against Ann Arbor Huron, hammering out an 8-0 win. In a true test of will, CC relied on a strong defense to oust a scrappy Orchard Lake St. Mary's squad as they cleared the semifinal to make their second consecutive trip to the Division 1 final against Howell. Going into the 3rd period the Royal Blue and White held a 3-1 lead before slamming home three unanswered goals for a 6-1 win.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 27-1-1, the 2009-2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks Hockey Team deserves to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit. I am very proud of their effort and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for having brought yet another title home and in honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

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